



The Dashboard

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STIMULATING SIMULATOR

I'd all most bet that you can't repeat those title words five times in a row and not make a mistake. You're also probably wondering what this article is about. Well, believe it or not, it concerns the Auto Show held March 6th thru 9th at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds.

As in years past, the Central Oklahoma Classic Chevy Club was again invited to participate and display some of our cars for this event. Most of the 90 entrants assigned to our building had their pride and joys in place Tuesday but a few stragglers trickled in on Wednesday. Classic and Late Great Chevys, Street Rods, Muscle Cars, Trucks, Luxury Cars, Cushman motorcycles and a few F**ds were eye candy to the public. I might add, the COCCC was well represented with over 20 cars proudly lined up for viewing. Again this year, a VIP reception was held for invited guests and the car owners. A variety of restaurants provided the food, including steak and shrimp, along with pastries for desert.

Even though it was billed as an event for new cars, the older ones, distinguished in their age, certainly drew an admiring crowd. The 2008-2009 models are interesting to look at with their modern lines, comfort and safety features. On the other hand, our cars represent a simpler time when basic transportation and a few options was all anyone needed. The older styling, with fins and chrome, which we work so hard to preserve, will never be seen again. Therefore, many people bring younger family members, point to a certain car and reminisce about what it was like, way back when..... they were young and cars like ours were new. I read somewhere that all of us look back fondly at the 50's and 60's because we now know everything turned out okay. The journey has taken us over 50 years, with some speed bumps along the way, for the cars and owners but we've made it this far on our cruise through life.

Now about the title. On Thursday afternoon, Ronnie, an employee of the fairgrounds and also a participant was proclaiming what fun he'd had driving the NASCAR Simulator. He finally convinced Rodney Duerksen and yours truly to give it a try. On the way over we had some discussion about what to expect and needless to say it lived up to the hype. It definitely was a Stimulating Simulator. My best speed was 182 mph and would probably have been much

higher had someone by the name of Rodney been able to control his car and not hit mine more than once. With all the bumping and bouncing off the walls, we didn't win but we weren't last either. Afterwards, we convinced ourselves that Rick Hendricks, car owner for Gordon, Johnson, Mears and Earnhardt had a feed of this video directly to his office. He would be so impressed with our driving skills and ability that a phone call offering us a job to drive for him would be forthcoming. (Note to self: Check to see if the answering machine and phones are really working!!!).

Needless to say, we passed the information on about the simulator so others in our club might give it a try. The good news is Johnny Hewett, Mike Smith and True Osborn all seized the opportunity to drive in a NASCAR race. The bad news is Mike and his crew chief True, both had faster times on the track than I did. However, because of violating the rules both have been disqualified by the organization known as CHEATS (Combined Home Entertainment and Theater Solutions). They announced these two would be banned from racing for six months and the hats they'd won must be returned immediately. Further, all of the points earned will be forfeited and in future races they must start at the rear of the field. (Boy, I'm really disappointed in you two guys!!!).

Those who had their cars at the fairgrounds deserve a big round of applause. Rodney and Martha Duerksen also must have a big pat on the back for their efforts during the show along with Gene Brawner from the OHRA. They helped park the cars, transport owners who didn't have a ride home, provided security and answered a lot of questions. All of this with sore, aching feet I might add. Listed below are the club members kind enough to leave their cars for six days:



Rudy and Gloria Escalera
Mel and Rustyne Harris
Joe and Donna McNinch
Johnny and Linda Hewett
Brian and Shirley Ferguson
Mike and Carole Smith
True and Sherry Osborn
Larry and Annette Myers

Harold Parker
Rodney and Martha Duerksen
Phil Daniels
Bill and Karen Hardy
Mark Houser and Joan Allmaras
Fred Hensley
Tracy and Irene Bugg
Ruby Watt

It was also good to see Ed and Mary Robertson all the way from Mississippi. He's a CCI Rep and the both of them probably attend more conventions than anyone else out there. They happened to be visiting with the Myers family and joined us on Wednesday for the VIP event. It's my understanding that Larry Myers was constructing a hitch for Ed's car and the finished product ended up being off about an inch. Mmmm, I guess the old adage of measuring twice and cutting once wasn't followed this time was it Larry?

Did any of you notice that Tom and Teresa Linn made an appearance at the show after our club meeting? Well let me tell you why. He was there, using all of his training, trying to find another 1981 or 1982 Cadillac like the one they own. If you'll remember, during the meeting Tom made an impassioned plea wanting us to allow that car to be considered a classic. (His excuse is their recently repainted 55 Chevy doesn't have air conditioning and they want to be

cool in the summer). So now, the club must make a decision. Should we allow that yellow, diesel burning, smoke bellowing, four door sedan to park with or travel in a caravan of Classic Chevy's?

Before ending this I must mention a former club member who now belongs to the Late Greats. He's a recently retired corporate pilot who has many hours of experience in simulators. If you see Mr. Horn, be sure and inquire about his speed and finishing spot down here on earth in the NASCAR simulator. When you find out, some might wonder how he was ever able to taxi a plane to the hanger without ripping off the wings.

I tried to have some fun writing this and hopefully didn't offend any of you. See you at the next meeting, the 13th of April at Coits located on N. Penn and I-44.

Mel Harris
President

Minutes: March 9, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by President, Mel Harris at Coit's Drive In. Members gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Mel thanked everyone who took their classic car/cars to the International Auto Show.
- Minutes from February were approved as read in the Dashboard. Kay Welch made motion to accept, Ken Buchanan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Peggy was sick no treasurer's report was given.
- Mel has made our annual Christmas Party reservations to take place at Hometown Buffet, on Northwest Expressway. December 13, 2008 from 1 to 5 p.m.
- Annette & Larry Myers would very much like to encourage members to join them and others to the Classic Chevy National Shows. The next show will be held in Albuquerque, NM, on June 19 - 22, 2008. And the next one close will be in Springfield. Larry said that sometimes people are discouraged because they think that they have to enter their cars, but this is not true. You can go just to go. There are so many things to do at these Shows. From shopping, to meeting people and running into old friends. Mel and Rustyne Harris are also planning to go.
- **REMINDER: C.C. Rider Kick off Dance.** Pot luck dinner on March 29, 2008 at the American Legion 5000, SE 24th, Del City, OKC. at 7 p.m.
- Martha Duerksen suggested that we get badges made for members and new members. The badges would have your name along with a picture of your classic car and club logo. Martha asked if anyone knows how to do this on the computer and would volunteer their time, would they please contact her. Someone suggested she get in contact with Diane Preston to ask what hardware we would need to do this.

a few months, so please think about this and if you have any suggestions be ready to give location.

- Mel is wanting an update on our members phone list. If you have a new address, phone number, email address, classic please make those changes on the old information list so we can get a new one out. If you are a new member please fill out a membership form along with your dues, and you will be added to this list.
- Dinner Cruise: March 22, 2008. Callers will call you with this information.
- Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all in March.
- Our April tech tip will be given by Annette Myers. (no not on sewing!!)
- Next meetings: April 13, May 10, in Guthrie, OKC., June 8, 2008
- May 10, meeting at 2 p.m. in Guthrie. Martha suggest that we buy our burgers at the show to support them and we bring pot luck as a group. Members voted and passed.
- Late Great are having a St Patrick's Cruise, March 15, 2008. This will be about a 100 mile cruise ending at Lucille in Weatherford.
- Martha said that the meeting in Guthrie on May 10, is an OHRA event and if you register your car you will become a member of OHRA.
- Joe McNinch was going to give this month's tech tips but had to cancel due to his mother going home with Jesus. Our prayers are with you and your loved ones.
- Our visitor of the day was David Main, his wife Louise had to work. He has a 57 4 dr. 210 with Bel Air Trim. Welcome the Mains at our next meeting.
- We had two door prize winners. 50/50 went to Rustyne Harris
- Each month the other half of the 50/50 is saved for 3 months and given to the person who has the most points for attending club event. This month there were three people who qualified. They were Martha, Rodney and Mel. And the winner is Rodney. He won \$64.00, CONGRATULATIONS
- Annette motioned that each member should earn one point for driving their classic to every function. The point would go towards the winnings of the 50/50 pot. (not our monthly 50/50 winnings). And that our sign in sheet for all functions meetings, dinner cruise, car shows, etc. should have a place to check whether you have driven your classic. Tom seconded and members passed.
- Tom Linn would like for Teresa's Cadillac (all yellow) to be considered a classic car under Teresa's name so they can drive it with a/c come August. Some members said no because it is not Chevy power, but Tom says it is GM power. Mel said he will look into it and let him know.

- Larry had a message to Tom from Tracy Bugg: Could you do a seminar for him on fire arm safety? Tom said he would.

Meeting was adjourned

Attended: 28

Respectfully submitted by: Gloria Escalera, Secretary

**DINNER CRUISE
March 22, 2008**

Twenty members in 10 classic cars met at the Braum's store at 15th & I-35 at 2:45 pm and left following the leader, Larry & Annette Myers for the monthly dinner cruise. Larry had told them that it was going to be a 30 mile cruise and when he pulled through Pop's in Arcadia, members were wondering how could that be 30 miles. Well, Larry had a trick up his sleeve and the members soon found themselves driving through neighborhoods that some called "blighted". We cruised by some "pricey" homes on our way to Billy Simms' Bar-b-que. When we arrived, members were treated to a wonderful meal and fellowship. The employees of Billy Simms' went out and took pictures of all the beautiful cars and even one employee called his dad to come up and take pictures. A good time was had by all. Members attending with their cars were: Robert & Peggy Bogardus, Ken & Peggy Buchanan, Rodney & Martha Duerksen, Mel & Rustyne Harris, Mark & Joan Houser, Tom & Teresa Linn, Joe & Donna McIninch, Larry & Annette Myers, Harold Parker and Jim (friend), Mike & Betty Rhoades.



The members' cars that were driven to the March dinner cruise to Billy Simms' Barbeque. Aren't they beautiful?

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Peggy Bogardus
Ruby Watt

Mike Rhoades

Rosemary Watson

We want to wish those members a very happy birthday!!!

(If I missed someone's birthday, it's because I didn't have your info)



Central OK Classic Chevy Club website: www.55-57chevys.com

For your information, I have began to make up the name badges for the membership with pictures of their cars. I have contacted Sharon Stowe with Ecklers/Classic Chevy International and asked for the beautiful blue lanyards that hold the name badges at CCI shows. She has gratefully agreed to send us some and she is including the badge holders. Please thank CCI for providing them for all of us.

Editor (Annette Myers)

15th Annual Classic Chevy Fall Foliage Tour October 24-26, 2008

at Denison, Texas

Sponsored by Dallas Area Classic Chevys
Check our web site for event updates:
www.DallasClassicChevy.com

Lodging at:
Comfort Inn & Suites
801 Hwy 75 N
Denison, TX 75020
(903) 464-0340
Located on the NW quadrant of
US 75 & Pottsboro Rd. at exit 69

Event room rate: \$75.00 (King or Double)
Mention "Chevy Fall Cruise LCAN rate"
when reserving room for this rate. We were
unable to reserve a block of rooms, so make
your reservations early. For more information
call Bill or Diane Preston (972) 691-4968,
(405) 412-0502 or (405) 615-3856.

Tentative Schedule of events:

Friday:

Arrive early and tour Denison on your own:
Old downtown Denison Antique Shops (6),
Art Galleries (10) and Art Studios (7)
Pres. Eisenhower's Birthplace (state historic site)
Fishing and Boating on Lake Texoma
Cruise to evening meal at 7 pm
Social gathering at the motel afterwards.

Saturday:

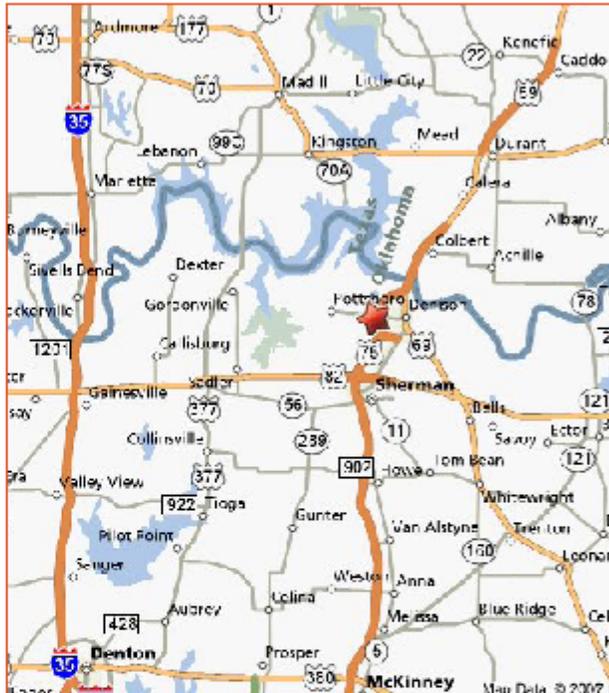
Cruise thru the Texas side of Lake Texoma
Lunch stop during cruise
Cruise to evening meal
Evening social gathering at the motel
(Bring your favorite game and a \$5 door prize per person)

Sunday

Head for home or tour Denison on your own

Car Show Bonus

Kustom Kemps of America (KKOA) 11th Annual "Blast with the Past" Car Show will also be held Oct 24-26 at nearby Loy Lake Park in Dennison. 80-100 cars of all types on display.



**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!! YOU CAN ALWAYS CANCEL IF YOU ARE
UNABLE TO ATTEND.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 27-29, 2008 Duncan, Ok, Swap Meet

March 28 & 29, 2008 Big River Classics Presents 9th Annual Show & Shine for 1955, 1956, & 1957 Chevrolets, Battlefield Inn - Vicksburg, Ms (601) 638-5811 or (800) 359-9363 www.bigriverclassics.com

March 29, 2008 CC Riders Pot Luck Kick Off Dance 6-11 p.m. Am. Legion, 5000 S.E. 24th St, Del City. \$20 couple, \$15 single, \$5 child (15 & Under)

April 3—6, 2008 SW Streetrod Nationals at the State Fair Grounds.

April 5, 2008 Poker Run 5:30 p.m. All Season Building Supply, Mustang, OK

April 12, 2008 Bikers Against Child Abuse Thunder Roadhouse Café, 900 W. Memorial

April 13, 2008 COCCC Meeting at Coit's Drive-In 3 p.m.

April 18-20, 2008 Memory Road Classic Car Show, Ft. Worth Texas Motor Speedway, I-35W & Hwy. 114 Go to www.memoryroadclassiccarshow.com for complete information. Contact Scott Buzzell (972)-347-5052

May 2 & 3, 2008 Lone Star Classic Chevy Show in West, Texas 13 mi North of Waco. The hotel is small and there's only one, so if you're coming, make reservations early!! They're including 55-72 Chevys and there's no judging. Hotel is the Czech Inn, (254) 826-0900, , www.czechinnofwaco.com, Lone Star rate is \$79. Entry is \$30. Hosted by the Heart of Texas Classic Chevy Club of Waco. Contacts are Richard Hykel, President (254-913-3070, & Mary Degner 254-756-4637

May 10, 2008 OHRA State Run, Guthrie, OK Mineral Wells Park COCCC meeting at 2 p.m.

May 10, 2008 Poker Run 5:30 p.m. All Season Building Supply, Mustang, OK

June 7, 2008 Poker Run 5:30 p.m. All Season Building Supply, Mustang, OK " the Big Kahuna Hot Rod Luau" with free food.

June 8, 2008 COCCC Meeting at Coit's Drive-In 3 p.m.

June 19—22, 2008 Western Nationals, Albuquerque, NM Route 66 Casino Hotel 1-866-711-7829 for reservations. www.classicchevy.com for pdf entry form.

July 20 – 24, 2008 20th Annual Chevrolet Nomad Association Convention at the Holiday Inn Charleston House, Charleston, West Virginia. Reservations: (304)-344-4092

September 13, 2008 Poker Run 5:30 p.m. All Season Building Supply, Mustang, OK

October 24 – 26, 2008 Fall Foliage at Denison, Texas with the hosts being Dallas Area Classic Chevy Club. See flyer in this issue



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